

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, paragraph 1, kindly delete the present paragraph and insert the following new paragraph therefor:

--The present application is a continuation of USSN 10/032,317, filed on December 21, 2001, now allowed, which application claims benefit, under 37 CFR § 1.78, to USSN 60/258,750, filed December 29, 2000, entitled "Bipolar Cauterizing Instrument," the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. --